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**First Named Inventor: Thomas L. Ritzdorf**  
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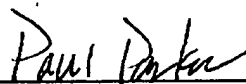
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The present communication responds to the Office Action dated 26 February 2004 in the above-identified application. No amendments are being made to the application at this time. For the Examiner's convenience, however, the undersigned has included a listing of the claims currently pending in the application.

